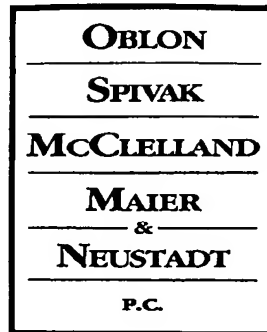


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Re: Deposit Account #150030

Dear Mr. Lebron

Enclosed is a copy of a portion of our Deposit Account Statement of February, 2005. Please review the highlighted charge on Serial Number 10/524,207 in the amount of \$100.00 on fee code #1615.

Since all claims were paid for at the time the application was filed (a total of 6 extra claims contained in a preliminary amendment), the charge on our deposit account is most likely for additional monies concerning the search fee which was recently decreased from \$500.00 to \$400.00.

In accordance with the rule change of February 1, 2005, Title 37 CFR Part 1, Section 1.492 (copy attached), "the search fee for an international application entering the national stage ... is \$400.00 ..." Therefore the \$400.00 search fee (not the old fee of \$500.00) is correct and a refund should be issued for the extra \$100.00 charged on our deposit account.

Please review this application and kindly refund \$100.00 to deposit account #150030. Copies of the appropriate paperwork are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Noel at (703) 412-6296. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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applicability, as defined in PCT Article 33(1) to (4), have been satisfied for all of the claims presented in the application entering the national stage; and (2) the examination fee for an international application entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 is \$200.00 (\$100.00 for a small entity) in all other situations.

Section 1.496: Section 1.496 is amended to revise its references to § 1.492 to reflect the changes in § 1.492.

Rule Making Considerations

Administrative Procedure Act: Pursuant to its authority under 35 U.S.C. 376(b), the Office has reduced the patent fees set forth in § 1.492 to less than the amount specified in 35 U.S.C. 41. Existing rights and obligations are not otherwise changed. The Office has good cause to implement this fee reduction without prior notice and comment. It is in the public interest to immediately implement the reduced search and examination fees because delay in the adoption of these fee reductions would cause harm to those applicants who currently meet the conditions for entitlement to a fee reduction. Without immediate implementation, applicants who are currently filing search and examination fees in order to avoid abandonment of their applications will be unnecessarily paying higher search and examination fees. The Office believes the public wants these new reduced fees to become effective as soon as possible as the public should benefit from the efficiencies and savings resulting therefrom. In addition, the Office believes that prior notice and comment is unnecessary because it does not expect the public to object to the reduction of search and examination fees. Moreover, the Office does not believe the public needs time to conform its conduct so as to avoid violation of these regulations. In order to give the public the immediate benefit of the Office's decision to reduce specified search and examination fees, the Office finds, pursuant to the authority provided at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), good cause to adopt this change without prior notice and an opportunity for public comment, as such procedures are contrary to the public interest. *See Nat. Customs Brokers & Forwarders Ass'n v. U.S.*, 59 F.3d 1219, 1223-24 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

Nothing in this or any other law requires delayed implementation of the fee reductions. 35 U.S.C. 41(g) provides that: "[n]o fee established by the Director under [35 U.S.C. 41] shall take effect until at least 30 days after notice of the fee has been published in the

Federal Register and in the **Official Gazette of the Patent and Trademark Office.**" Since the reduced search fees and examination fees specified in §§ 1.492(b) and (c) are established by the Office on the basis of the Office's authority under 35 U.S.C. 376(b) (rather than the authority in 35 U.S.C. 41), the thirty-day advance publication requirement of 35 U.S.C. 41(g) does not apply to the reduced search fees and examination fees specified in § 1.492(b) and (c).

Accordingly, the changes in this interim rule may be adopted without prior notice and opportunity for public comment under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) and (c), or thirty-day advance publication under 5 U.S.C. 553(d) or 35 U.S.C. 41(g).

Regulatory Flexibility Act: As prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 (or any other law), neither a regulatory flexibility analysis nor a certification under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are required. *See* 5 U.S.C. 603.

Executive Order 13132: This rule making does not contain policies with federalism implications sufficient to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment under Executive Order 13132 (Aug. 4, 1999).

Executive Order 12866: This rule making has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866 (Sept. 30, 1993).

Paperwork Reduction Act: This interim rule involves information collection requirements that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). The collection of information involved in this interim rule has been reviewed and previously approved by OMB under the following control number: 0651-0021. The Office is not resubmitting an information collection package to OMB for its review and approval because the changes in this interim rule do not affect the information collection requirements associated with the information collection under this OMB control number.

Interested persons are requested to send comments regarding this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Robert J. Spar, Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503,

Attention: Desk Officer for the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 1

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■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 37 CFR part 1 is amended as follows:

PART 1—RULES OF PRACTICE IN PATENT CASES

■ 1. The authority citation for 37 CFR part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2).

■ 2. Section 1.492 is amended by revising paragraphs (b) and (c) to read as follows:

§ 1.492 National stage fees.

(b) Search fee for an international application entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 if the basic national fee was not paid before December 8, 2004:

(1) If the search fee as set forth in §§ 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority:

By a small entity (§ 1.27(a))	\$50.00
By other than a small entity	\$100.00

(2) If an international search report on the international application has been prepared and is provided to the Office no later than the time at which the search fee is paid:

By a small entity (§ 1.27(a))	\$200.00
By other than a small entity	\$400.00

(3) In all situations not provided for in paragraphs (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section:

By a small entity (§ 1.27(a))	\$250.00
By other than a small entity	\$500.00

(c) The examination fee for an international application entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 if the basic national fee was not paid before December 8, 2004:

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In the matter of the Application of Eric EZAN, et al.

For METHOD FOR DETECTING FLUORIDE OR HYDROGEN FLUORIDE, AND
DETECTION KIT

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- 65 pgs. Specification 26 Claims (English Translation)
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- Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,200.00
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- PCT Transmittal Letter
- Preliminary Amendment
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METHOD FOR DETECTING FLUORIDE OR HYDROGEN FLUORIDE, AND DETECTION KIT

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Eric EZAN et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the Inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
22. ☐ Express Mail Label No.
23. ☒ Other items or information:

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Drawings (10 sheets)

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